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## Reductions of non-strategic nuclear weapons

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 55/33 D of 20 November 2000,

*Taking into account* the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*, issued on 8 July 1996,[1] and its unanimous conclusion that "there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control",

*Stressing* the unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States in the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament, a goal to which all States parties to the Treaty are committed under its article VI,[2]

*Reaffirming* the necessity of strict compliance by all parties with their obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the necessity of upholding their commitments in associated decisions and final documents agreed at the 2000 and 1995 Review Conferences,

*Noting* the importance attached to the issue of reducing non-strategic nuclear weapons by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his report to the Millennium Assembly,[3]

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[1] A/51/218, annex; see also *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons, Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1996*, p. 226.

[2] *2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document*, vol. I (NPT/CONF.2000/28 (Parts I and II)), Part I, Article VI and eighth to twelfth preambular paragraphs, para. 6 under para. 15.

[3] See A/54/2000.

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*Stressing* the commitment made in the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to the further reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons,[4]

*Concerned* that the total number of nuclear weapons deployed and in stockpile still amounts to many thousands,

*Reiterating* the particular responsibility of the nuclear-weapon States for transparent, verifiable and irreversible reductions in nuclear weapons leading to nuclear disarmament,

1. *Agrees* that the further reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons should be accorded priority;

2. *Agrees also* that the reduction and elimination of non-strategic nuclear weapons should be included as an integral part of the nuclear-arms reduction and disarmament process;

3. *Agrees further* that the reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons should be carried out in a transparent and irreversible manner;

4. *Agrees* on the importance of preserving, reaffirming, implementing and building upon the 1991 and 1992 Presidential Nuclear Initiatives of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics/Russian Federation on non-strategic nuclear weapons;

5. *Calls upon* the Russian Federation and the United States of America to codify the Presidential Nuclear Initiatives into a legally binding treaty;

6. *Calls* for further confidence-building and transparency measures to reduce the threats posed by non-strategic nuclear weapons;

7. *Calls also* for concrete agreed measures to reduce further the operational status of non-strategic nuclear weapons systems;

8. *Calls upon* the Russian Federation and the United States of America to initiate negotiations on an effectively verifiable agreement on significant reductions of non-strategic nuclear weapons;

9. *Agrees* on the importance of special security and physical protection measures for the transport and storage of non-strategic nuclear weapons;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session containing the views of Member States on the issue of reductions of non-strategic nuclear weapons;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session an item entitled "Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons".

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[4] See *2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document*, vol. I (NPT/CONF.2000/28 (Parts I and II)), Part I, Article VI and eighth to twelfth preambular paragraphs, para. 9 under para. 15.